

the infliction of death, it's an excessive amount of time served in prison, through a stratagem, and the Supreme Court would not allow it. You know what some of the prosecutors might want to do or even some of the people on this floor? Take a reel, a film, that depicts, let's say any kind of sexual activity and let's say by children that we would all find reprehensible, and because there are several thousand individual frames to the reel, you would make each frame an individual offense because each frame is an individual depiction of sexual explicit conduct. And you multiply in the insane way that Senator Higgins mentioned that some prosecutor has done from one event, several hundred offenses. No prosecutor would take something like that to court even if he will multiply that many offenses out of one occurrence. But that shows why prosecutors should not be trusted with this kind of open-ended scatter-gun legislation which is poorly considered and enacted on the basis of an emotional appeal and that is all that we are hearing today. I'm the only one who is discussing the bill's terms in detail and it's not even my bill. Thank whatever powers that be, that I have the rationality and the ability to read well enough to understand the meaning of English words placed in a piece of legislation as has been done in the case of what we're talking about here today. I know that I'm speaking to the walls. There was a song about words written on the wind which means, thank you, Senator Nichol, I'm glad you're listening, which means there is even less permanence than words written in sand on the beach which will be washed away by the first wave that comes ashore. The legislators will leave here with a piece of stuff such as this and say we really are fighting the child pornographers and the child abusers. This bill doesn't mention the word child molestation or child abuse anywhere in it. There is a lesser punishment for some forms of child abuse than there is under this bill for a student handing one of these pictures to another student, but who cares? Criminal laws become hodge-podges of the individual ideologies of the legislators sitting in a legislature or at any particular time. Morality, Senator Higgins, is in the mind and the principles of the one discussing it. Some people think a death penalty is immoral and others don't. Some people think abortion is immoral and others don't. All of those appeals have nothing to do with the legislation before us. Back to my amendment because I had to give you a reason why I said that, my words are intended to modify the clause or the phrase "provide to any person" found on page 3, line 23. Then maybe you can say, if you've got these kids in high school selling this stuff or trading it for dope or any other thing, then punish them, although I disagree with that